

August 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening August 3, 2020, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Paula Ewing, Joseph Flynn, and Josephine Laird. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and that they stand as written. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF RECEIPT VOUCHER

Manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of July totaled \$141,489.01. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Borough Manager announced the receipt of a letter from Councilor John "Jack" Kennard addressed to the Mayor and Council advising of his resignation from Council. Motion by J. Flynn second by P. Ewing to accept the resignation of John "Jack" Kennard from Council effective August 3, 2020. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough has renewed its property/casualty insurance coverage for the period of August 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021. The combined premium cost is \$71,004, an increase of \$238 from the expired program at inception. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to ratify the renewal of the Borough's insurance package for the 2020/2021 coverage period. All in favor.

Manager mentioned that the Spring/Summer 2020 edition of the Marcus Hook News was distributed on August 3, 2020. The printing was the 62<sup>nd</sup> edition of this publication since its inception in 1983. Motion by P. Ewing second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-20-6 proclaiming August 31, 2020 as "Overdose Awareness Day" in Marcus Hook, a day meant to provide acknowledgement and awareness to substance use disorders and the long-lasting effects they cause. Motion by P. Ewing second by J. Flynn to adopt Resolution No. R-20-6, declaring August 31, 2020 as "Overdose Awareness Day" in the Borough of Marcus Hook. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of July, 2020. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager presented for the second reading and adoption Borough Ordinance No. O-20-2, amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, adding Chapter 169, Skateboard, Scooters, and Rollerblades, creating a section in the Borough of Marcus Hook's Code to provide for safety regulations around using these devices within the Borough. This ordinance was duly advertised on July 21, 2020. Motion by P. Ewing second by W. Cox to adopt Ordinance No. O-20-2. All in favor.

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-20-7 proclaiming August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as "National Night Out" in Marcus Hook, a unique nationwide program in which the Borough would join forces with communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts. The rain date for "National Night Out" is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to adopt Resolution No. R-20-7, declaring August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as "National Night Out" in the Borough of Marcus Hook, with a rain date of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough advertised a 2010 Dodge Charger as surplus property for sale in July, 2020 on the online municipal auction website municibid.com. The winning bid for the 2010 Dodge Charger was in the amount of \$5,200 from Desmond Uchukwu of Peachtree City, GA. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to approve the execution of a sales agreement with Desmond Uchukwu in the amount of \$5,200 for the sale of the 2010 Dodge Charger. All in favor.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that the Borough advertised a 1994 Chevrolet G30 van as surplus property for sale in July, 2020 on the online municipal auction website municibid.com. The winning bid for the 1994 Chevrolet G30 van was in the amount of \$6,100 from Ronald Voluck of Villanova, PA. Motion by C. Everngham second by P. Ewing to approve the execution of a sales agreement with Ronald Voluck in the amount of \$6,100 for the sale of the 1994 Chevrolet G30 van. All in favor.

#### PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager noted that the Mickey Vernon Park Improvement Project has been completed. This project included expanding the play area at Mickey Vernon Park, as well as providing ADA accessibility to both play areas, ball fields, new fencing, a new backstop, and new trees and vegetation. This project was partially paid for by way of a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant, with the remainder paid for by way of Borough Capital Expenditure Funds. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to record and file. All in favor.

Manager noted that the Market Square Memorial Park Landscape Restoration Project has been completed. This project restored the landscaping and vegetation border between Market Square Memorial Park and Huber's Launch, and was paid for with a combination of the PECO Green Region Grant, a Delaware County Open Space Grant, and the remainder was paid for by way of Borough Capital Expenditure Funds. Motion by C. Everngham second by W. Cox to record and file. All in favor.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING

Manager presented for adoption Resolution No R-20-8, declaring a temporary moratorium on enforcement of outdoor dining activities in the Borough during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the Borough recognizing the unprecedented financial and social consequences of COVID-19, this will enable local food establishments to continue to operate to help stimulate the economic recovery of local food establishments. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to adopt Resolution No. R-20-8. All in favor.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor P. Ewing read the MHTFD Fire Reports for the month of July, 2020.

Councilor C. Evernham reminded residents that everyone needs to be using trash cans when putting your weekly trash out to the curb. The Borough has ordinances in place regarding how residents are to handle their waste/refuse and these are not being followed. Manager Weldon noted that he would speak to Code Enforcement to stress this issue is followed up on and dealt with.

Councilor W. Cox wanted to pass a message along to the Marcus Hook Police Department that Borough Council appreciates all that the Police Department does and that they have their back.

Mayor G. Taylor expressed his desire to see Linda Miles reimbursed for her costs to replace her damaged sidewalk on Spruce Street, as all sidewalks were replaced as part of the Spruce Street Streetscape project. Manager Weldon noted that he would look into when Linda sold her property compared to when the Spruce Street Streetscape project kicked off. Mayor G. Taylor also thanked the Marcus Hook Police Department, as they made a big drug arrest last week.

Councilor J. Laird noted that she hoped all residents received a copy of the Marcus Hook Newsletter, if anyone didn't receive a copy then please contact the Borough. Councilor J. Laird also wanted Manager Weldon to reiterate to residents that the bus the Borough ordered through Pennsylvania's 5310 grant program was a Borough bus, and not strictly a senior bus. Councilor J. Laird expressed her desire to see the Borough purchase a Hometown Hero Banner for Mickey Vernon as she doesn't believe he has any family left in the area.

Finally, Councilor J. Laird thanked former Councilor J. Kennard for his service to the Borough of Marcus Hook. Jack was originally appointed to replace Thomas Imburgia who passed away in May, 2017. Councilor J. Laird noted that Council's appointment for Jack's seat will be until 12/31/2021 at which point the seat will be up for election through the normal election process.

Manager Weldon reminded residents that it looked like Hurricane Isaias would be landing in Pennsylvania on Tuesday and for any residents with an emergency to dial 911. Manager Weldon also noted that the Concert scheduled for Tuesday would likely be cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday instead.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Troutman, 1117 Washington Ave, noted that his neighbor at 1115 Washington Ave. frequently have between 8 and 15 bags of trash that aren't in cans and are just sitting out at the curb every week. Paul asked that the Borough look into this. Manager Weldon noted that he would speak to Code Enforcement in regards to the trash issues in town to make sure the Borough trash ordinance was being followed.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from July 8, 2020 through August 3, 2020 totaled \$190,995.09. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Andrew Weldon  
Borough Secretary